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1. SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF SAM THOMPSON TO AGENCY SAFEGUARDS STAFF UNDER SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR HAS BECOME LESS CLEAR AS RESULT OF BEN SANDERS' DECISION TO LEAVE AGENCY LATER THIS MONTH TO ACCEPT POST WITH UN DISARMAMENT STAFF IN NEW YORK. MISSION IS PURSUING DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCY STAFF AND WE HOPE TO PROVIDE MORE DEFINITE RESPONSE SHORTLY.

2. IN MEANTIME, RE PROPOSED DMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, MISSION HAS CALCULATED COMPARABLE NET INCOME (TAKING INTO ACCOUNT A REASONABLE INCREASE TO COMPENSATE FOR HIGHER COST OF LIVING IN VIENNA) AT EQUIVALENT OF P-4/STEP IV, AND, ASSUMING THIS IS SATISFACTORY TO THOMPSON, WE INTEND TO APPROACH AGENCY ON THIS BASIS UNCLASSIFIED

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AT SUCH TIME AS TIMING OF ASSIGNMENT AND OTHER DETAILS ARE SORTED OUT. REVISED SALARY SCALES AT P-4/ STEP IV LEVEL WOULD PROVIDE NET INCOME OF ABOUT \$30,245 (\$21,713 BASE SALARY AND \$8,532 POST ADJUSTMENT AT SINGLE RATES), WHICH WE BELIEVE IS COMPARABLE TO THOMPSON'S CURRENT GROSS INCOME OF \$34,915.

3. AS FAR AS PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONCERNED, BASED ON LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH ABBADESSA, AGENCY WILL STRONGLY PREFER FOR IMPORTANT BUDGETARY AND ACCOUNTING REASONS TO OBTAIN FULL PAYMENT FOR ESTIMATED TOTAL OF THOMPSON ASSIGNMENT AT OUTSET, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY FUNDS REMAINING FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF ASSIGNMENT WOULD EITHER BE RETURNED OR APPLIED TO SOME OTHER PART OF U.S. SAFEGUARDS SUUPORT PROGRAM, DEPENDING ON U.S. WISHES. TOTAL ESTIMATE OF ABOUT \$45,000 SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT, BUT WE WILL OBTAIN CLOSER ESTIMATE FROM AGENCY IN DUE COURSE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO PROPOSED PAYMENT MECHANISM AND CONFIRMATION THAT EQUIVALENT P-4/STEP IV LEVEL IS ACCEPTABLE.STONE

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